



CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. ANNOUNCES SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS TOWN COUNCIL VOTES TO APPROVE AMENDED OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR LANDFILL

RUTLAND, VERMONT (May 23, 2007) – Casella Waste Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: CWST), a regional, non-hazardous solid waste services company, said that the Town Council in Southbridge, Massachusetts voted Monday night to approve the amended agreement for the operation of the Barefoot Road Sanitary Landfill. The Town Council vote authorized the Town Manager, on the behalf of the town, to enter into the extension agreement with the company.

The landfill is currently permitted to receive 180,960 tons per year of construction and demolition (C&D) residuals and limited municipal solid waste (MSW) from the Town of Southbridge. The amended agreement would not authorize an increase in the site's total permit limit of 499,000 tons per year, but reallocates tonnage from the C&D processing facility to the landfill. The agreement would allow the company to seek approvals to convert the landfill from C&D to MSW and to increase the annual tonnage to 405,000 tons per year of MSW.

"We have worked closely with the Town of Southbridge over the past three years and I believe that we have an agreement that adds long-term value to the community and to our stakeholders," said John W. Casella, chairman and chief executive officer of Casella Waste Systems, Inc.

The operation of the facility as outlined in the amended agreement remains subject to the receipt of necessary permits.

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